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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We are both very happy to be working with your child and to help move them along their learning journey as they now enter Year 5. I hope this letter provides you with some useful information about the upcoming year.

Year 5 children should be arriving in school at **8.40am** and they will finish at **3:15pm**. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

This half term, **PE** is on a **Tuesday** afternoon so please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit - red PE top, school sweatshirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and a pair of plain black trainers. Please note - black pumps are not suitable for outdoor PE or for wearing all day.

The children will be swimming on Friday morning, so they will need to bring in a suitable swimming costume or shorts, as well as a towel. A separate letter regarding swimming will be sent out.

In Year 5, **homework** will consist of reading daily, practicing spellings weekly and engaging with Times Table Rock stars as often as possible. Occasionally, I may send out other work as and when needed. Please encourage your child to maintain a good routine of completing their homework on time, as this will help to develop their personal organisation skills. Spelling tests will take place every Friday, with spelling lists being handed out at the start of each half-term. Reading books will be changed when your child has finished their book.

Pupils in Year 5 are expected to bring in and take home their red bags and water bottles daily. If your child doesn't have a red bag or water bottle, then you can purchase one from the school office, via our online payment system.

In Year 5 and 6, some parents allow their children to walk home independently. If you wish to allow your child to do this, then please email the office on office@holysouls.blackburn.sch.uk to inform us. We will not allow your child to walk home independently without your permission, in writing, via email from **Wednesday 2nd September**.

Rest assured that we will do our best to ensure that your child has a happy and successful year in Year 5.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss N Smith & Mr D Kellett
Class Teachers

Holy Souls School is a Roman Catholic Primary School in the Diocese of Salford and the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen

